

**Abstract**

This invention relates to methods and compositions for the treatment of conditions associated with vascular insufficiency, and to methods and compositions for screening assays to select agents that are useful for this purpose. In particular the invention relates to HMG  
5 CoA reductase inhibitors and their use in promoting angiogenesis *in vivo* and in activating Akt in vascular endothelial cells *in vitro* and *in vivo*.